

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION NO. 09/496,549	FILING DATE 02/02/2000	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR King	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 1996P07613US05
via 571-273-8300 Mail Stop RCE Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450			EXAMINER A. Qureshi
		ART UNIT 2662	PAGE NUMBER 1

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)</p> <p align="center">I hereby certify that this paper is, on the date shown below, being:</p>	
<p align="center">MAILING</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deposited with the United States Postal Service on this ____ day of _____, 2003 with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop ____, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	<p align="center">FACSIMILE</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and Trademark Office: to 571-273-8300 this 19th day of August 2005.</p>
<p align="right">Brian K. Johnson Reg. No. 46,808 Signature <u><i>B. K. Johnson</i></u></p>	

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Contemporaneous with the filing of a RCE in the above-mentioned case, Applicant(s) submit the following amendments and/or responsive remarks. The amended claims have been the subject of discussion between Examiner Qureshi and Joel Miller, attorney for the applicant, on August 18, 2005, in connection with the resolution of an appeal filed in this case.

Applicant hereby authorizes the PTO to charge any and all necessary fees due, or provide reimbursements of excessive fees paid, to deposit account No. 19-2179.